

Duniway Community Update

11/19/2010

From the Principal's Desk

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

NO SCHOOL - all day and evening conferences

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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WED-FRI, NOVEMBER 24-26

SCHOOL CLOSED for the holiday

While you are in the building attending conferences:

- please be sure to check the Lost and Found rack in the main hall
- Consider donating a gift to our Community Giving Project - snowmen (with gift ideas) are on a bulletin board in the main hall. Select a snowman and register it with Lynn in the office. Thank you so much for your support.

Welcome New Kindergarten Assistants!

I am pleased to announce that Cath Clark and Leslie Demers will be joining our Duniway staff. Cath and Leslie will be working half time in the morning in the kindergarten classrooms to provide additional support for teachers and students. At this time we are anticipating their start date to be after the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend. Their background and experience working with children, and in early childhood, helped the interview team to see that they would be great matches for our program and students. Please help me welcome them to our staff!

Going on vacation? Student out sick or has an appointment?

Please remember to call the ChildWatch number at 503-916-3625 before 9:15am to let us know if your child will be tardy or absent! If there is an unexcused absence in the computer, the District Auto-Dial system will call your home. Letting the teacher know about appointments or vacations is great, but please be sure to let the office know as well!

Please contribute to the Duniway Foundation Annual Campaign

We have raised \$10,425 toward our goal of \$75,000. In this season of giving THANKS, one thing we can all be THANKFUL for is that our children have the opportunity to attend a quality public school like Duniway. In order to maintain our exceptional Music, P.E., and Library Programs we need everyone to contribute. Please help Duniway maintain its current programs by contributing what you are able. A representative from your child's class will be calling you to ask you to do your part. Please drop your donation off at the office and THANK YOU in advance for your support!

TAG reminder

If you would like to nominate your child for TAG, please stop by the office to pick up a nomination form. Should you wish to talk with your child's teacher at conferences about the possibility of nominating your child, please be mindful of the due date to turn in nominations is **Monday, November 29**. The nomination form has a cover letter describing the nomination process.

Individual TAG plans for already-identified TAG students were sent home Monday, November 8.

Inclement weather information

Check out the PPS website at pps.k12.or.us to get the most up to date information on school closures and inclement weather updates. There is also a free non-PPS service available called FlashAlerts that will send notifications directly to your email address or via text message to your mobile phone. Check it out and sign up today!!

PTA Clothing Center needs volunteers

Duniway is scheduled to work at the PTA Clothing Center on **Monday, November 29th**. We have been asked to send 5-6 volunteers to be "personal shoppers" to help kids receive clothing or to help sort donations.

The volunteer hours are 9:30am - 1:30pm at Marshall HS Campus, 3905 SE 91st Avenue. The main cross streets are SE 92nd and SE Powell, out by the Chucky Cheese. At Marshall, enter the main doors and take the hallway to the left, then the next hallway to the left, halfway down on the right is a door, up the stairs and there they are.

The PTA Clothing Center has been helping about 30-45 kids each volunteer day and NEEDS volunteers. On one day, they helped 74 kids who came in to receive clothing, and have already helped over 877 families so far this year.

If you can help, please email Kathy Hart at hartomatic@aol.com or phone at 503-772-2906 :-D

Hallway recycling update!

THANK YOU to those parents who have volunteered to help take recycling to Far West Fiber. It would still be great to get a few more parents to reduce the individual workload. I will now begin the process of securing bins and will announce to the school community once the program is in place. At that point we will be able to expand the type of items that are recycled in classrooms and in the cafeteria.

This is going to be a great way to involve every child and significantly reduce the amount of trash that Duniway pays to haul away. It cost \$39.50 to haul away a dumpster of garbage and only \$7.50 to remove a dumpster of recycling. Those savings will quickly add up!

Parking place in front is reserved

You know that great parking place in front of the school, just in front of the loading zone? Every year that space is auctioned off at the Duniway Auction. Please be respectful of the donor's right to park there - and even though you might be in a hurry and it is very tempting.... leave that space open!!! If you are just dying to park there - be sure to make your bid at this year's auction on Friday, February 25th.

Shop Online For Duniway

Support the PTA by making online purchases through Duniway website links. We have made arrangements with more than 35 businesses to receive as much as 4% to 8% from every online purchase when the website was accessed through our Duniway website.

Go to <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/duniway/358.htm>. Click on the link for the online store you are looking for and make your purchase from their website. Every time you make an online purchase, check with the Duniway website to see if we have a link. Contact our webmaster Ken Avenoso with questions or to suggest other businesses: ken@avenoso.com.

Dining for Duniway is Back Just in Time for the Holidays

Let Portland's only Italian chef whip up a delightful meal for you and your family this holiday season. Duniway Parents Stefania and Lawrence McCormick and Owner's of Taste Unique have graciously offered to donate 15% of all sales from their Italian Bistro back to Duniway to help fund teaching positions.

Pre Orders and more event details will go out **11/29**. Taste Unique's fresh and frozen Lasagna's, Cannelloni's, and sauces are the perfect fix for a family dinner, last minute guests, too tired to cook moments, or a Holiday meal.

"I don't know how she does it, but it tastes like being in Italy" Sara Perry - The Oregonian

"The Vegetarian Lasagna is one of the best dishes I've had all year" Patrick Alan Coleman - The Mercury

Supporting our Teacher's has never been so delicious! Stay Tuned.

Duniway Holiday Home Tour; Your Ticket Inside

Tell your friends! Tell your neighbors! Tell the friends of your neighbors! There are many convenient ways to purchase your ticket to the 32nd Annual Duniway Holiday Home Tour.

1) While online, just go to the Duniway website
www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/duniway

- 2) While at the Book Fair, look for the Home Tour table (November 17-19)
- 3) While chatting with Lynn in the Duniway Office!
- 4) While shopping at these fine retail locations: e.moreland kitchen & market, New Seasons (Tacoma Location), Jill's Hallmark, Jealous Gardener and all Portland Chrisman Picture Frame & Gallery locations

Revenue from the \$20/guest ticket sales, sponsorships/advertisers directly benefit the school by helping fund classroom materials, cultural arts, enrichment programs, field trips and more. The Home Tour on **Friday, December 3rd** will showcase six beautiful homes in the Eastmoreland and its surrounding area. The HT Committee is excited to have partnered up each homeowner with high caliber talents from Ste. Maine, The Flower Shop on Woodstock, Staging Spaces, Real Deal, Julie & Jennifer Baines Interior Design, Jealous Gardener and Garden Fever. It is a special treat for our generous homeowners to have these professionals volunteer their time with some final touches. You will not want to miss this...Get your ticket inside... today!

School pictures

If you are interested in reordering student photos for the holidays, please see the website: 3likemindsphotography.com for additional information. Orders need to be received by **December 8th**.

Calling all pastry chefs

Or closet pastry chefs & wanna-be pastry chefs :)

New to Auction 2011-----Homemade desserts made by families (like you) that will be presented as live auction items! The fine details have yet to be determined, but this is what we are looking for right now:

** A homemade dessert of your choice, displayed on something fantastic (whether you procure a platter from a retailer, have something beautiful in your cupboards you would like to use and donate, a great find at an antique store, TJMaxx or a Goodwill treasure....use your creative juices!)

** The dessert will need to serve 10-12 people

** A utensil to serve your dessert will need to be included

** A short description of your dessert. If you have a fun or memorable story that goes along with what you are making, please also mention this!

** Auction will be held Friday, February 25th. Your presence the day of the event is not needed...only your scrumptious dessert; and

**Your dessert, display and utensil will be auctioned off as a whole.

If you feel this announcement is calling your name, please contact me! I would love to hear from you. Molly Reed moreed68@yahoo.com or 503.775.3171.

Get on the Bus!

The Sno Bus to Mt. Hood Meadows is continuing for the 2010-2011 season. My name is Jay Mellies, a former Duniway parent, and I will be taking skiers and snowboarders to Mt. Hood Meadows four Sundays in January- the 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 31st. The bus holds up to 50 students and we'll leave at 6:30 am from Cleveland High School, returning to the same location around 5 pm. Great fun, good exercise, and excellent instruction. You can enroll directly online this year by going to the following website: www.skihood.com/go. The GO code for my program is 1163278. You will receive a confirmation email and directions for acquiring the necessary medical release forms after enrolling. Contact me at jay.mellies@reed.edu or 503.772.9606 for further information.

La Niña is predicted to give us great ski conditions this year!

New Drama class

Young Players is bringing another magical drama club to Duniway this winter. Kids write and perform their own short plays and skits. Classes are held on Tuesdays, Jan. 25th-Mar. 8th 3:05-4:05 p.m., \$79 per student. To register or for more information, go to www.theyoungplayers.com. Flyers were sent home with students this week as well.

Youth Fitness & Tumbling

Gail Bruner's winter and spring tumbling class schedules are now available. Students develop strength, agility, coordination and balance with tumbling and circuit training. It's a great noncompetitive way to build self-esteem, learn handstands, cartwheels and front handsprings. The sessions are 6 weeks of classes.

Tuesdays	3:05pm - 4pm	Jan 4 th - Feb 22 nd	\$85	(ages 6-8)
Thursdays	3:05pm - 4pm	Jan 6 th - Feb 24 th	\$85	(ages 8-12)
Tuesdays	3:05pm - 4 pm	March 1 st - May 10 th	\$85	(ages 6-12)

Questions, contact Gail: info@tumblevillestudios.com or 503-841-1460
 Check out the tumbling video at www.TumbleVillestudios.com

Upcoming Calendar of Events

Mon	11/22	NO SCHOOL - All day and evening conferences
Tue	11/23	NO SCHOOL - All day and evening conferences
Wed	11/24-26	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving break
Mon	11/29	TAG nominations are due in the office
Wed	12/1	Wreath pick up from 10am to 4pm in the south gym Calvillo & O'Shea - Food Bank field trip 9:50-12
Thur	12/2	Levine - Food Bank field trip 9:50-12
Fri	12/3	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Planning Day Holiday Home Tour & Boutique in the south gym 10am to 9pm
Wed	12/8	LATE OPENING - school starts 2 hours late Final school picture orders are due

Duniway's calendar is available online:
<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/duniway/203.htm>